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Title: (Amended) HUMAN METHIONINE SYNTHASE REDUCTASE: CLONING, AND METHODS FOR EVALUATING RISK OF, PREVENTING, OR TREATING NEURAL TUBE DEFECTS, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, CANCER, AND DOWN'S SYNDROME

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Replace claims 6, 7, and 21 with the following amended claims that have been re-written in clean form. Please cancel claims 1-3, 5, 10, and 22-34 without prejudice.